We claim

1. A method comprising:

detecting a fault in a monitored component;

determining that a first communications interface cannot send an alert message regarding the fault; and

sending the alert message regarding the fault through a second communications interface to a proxy system for forwarding to a management system.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to a management system.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the second communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to a proxy.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the second communications interface comprises a wireless network interface.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the wireless network interface substantially conforms to the IEEE 802.11 protocol.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein the second communications interface comprises a wired network interface.

7. The method of claim 3, wherein second communications interface comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.

8. A device comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to the processor;

a first communications interface coupled to the processor and configured to send alert messages to a management system; and

a second communications interface coupled to the processor and configured to send alert messages to a proxy system;

wherein the processor is operable to:

generate an alert message,

determine that the first communications interface is unable to send the alert message, and

send the alert message through the second communications interface to the proxy system.

9. The device of claim 8, first communications interface comprises a network interface.

10. The device of claim 8, wherein the second communications interface comprises a network interface.

11. The device of claim 10 wherein the second communications interface comprises a wireless network interface.

12. The device of claim 11, wherein the wireless network interface substantially conforms to the IEEE 802.11 protocol.

13. The device of claim 8, wherein the second communications interface comprises a wired network interface.

14. The device of claim 8, wherein the second communications interface comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.

15. A machine-readable media having machine executable instructions for performing a method comprising:

detecting a fault in a monitored component;

determining that a first communications interface cannot send an alert message regarding the fault; and

sending the alert message regarding the fault through a second communications interface to a proxy system for forwarding to a management system.

16. The machine-readable media of claim 15, wherein the first communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to a management system.

17. The machine-readable media of claim 15, wherein the second communications interface comprises a network interface configured to send alert messages to a proxy.

18. The machine-readable media of claim 17 wherein the second communications interface comprises a wireless network interface.

19. The machine-readable media of claim 18, wherein the wireless network interface substantially conforms to the IEEE 802.11 protocol.

20. The machine-readable media of claim 17, wherein the second communications interface comprises a wired network interface.

21. The machine-readable media of claim 17, wherein second communications interface comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.

22. A system comprising

a monitored computer system communicably coupled to a first network and a second network, said monitored system operable to:

detect that an alert message cannot be sent to the management system through the first network and

send the alert message to the proxy system through the second network; and

a proxy system communicably coupled to the first network and the second network and operable to receive the alert message from the monitored system on the second network and to forward the alert message to a management system communicably coupled to the first network.

23. The system of claim 22 wherein the first network comprises a wired network;

24. The system of claim 22 wherein the second network comprises a wireless network.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the wireless network comprises a Bluetooth network.

26. The system of claim 24, wherein the wireless network substantially conforms to a version of the IEEE 802.11 protocol.

27. The system of claim 22, wherein the second network comprises an Intelligent Chassis Management Bus.